Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in particular those paragraphs regarding the peacekeeping budgetary cycles which should be adhered to in the future budgetary process, where possible;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 315.9 million United States dollars, representing some 35 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Administration to the period ending 30 June 2001, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Transitional Administration;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

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[3] A/55/874, para 10 (d). See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Fifth Committee*, 58th meeting (A/C.5/55/SR.58).

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Transitional Administration against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Transitional Administration;

13. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Transitional Administration with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Transitional Administration shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

14. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and *decides* to appropriate the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base, representing the prorated share of the Transitional Administration in the support account and Logistics Base requirements for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 8,974,200 dollars approved for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001;

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in accordance with paragraph 15 of the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessments for the year 2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base approved for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base being amounts pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the balance, that is, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base pertaining to the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

19. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 57,990,000 dollars gross (53,116,100 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions, for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

20. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 57,990,000 dollars gross (53,116,100 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Transitional Administration;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor".

Annex

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor until payment is effected.

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for provision of goods and services rendered but not yet verified, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period as well as approved verification reports shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

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Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/278 of 15 June 2000,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

4. *Approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 8,982,600 United States dollars gross (8,174,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

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[1] A/55/714 and A/55/830.
[2] A/55/874 and Add.8.
[3] A/55/874/Add.8.

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5. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 430,500 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, the interest income of 289,000 dollars and miscellaneous income of 340,000 dollars (1,059,500 dollars in total) to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

6. *Decides also* to prorate the balance of 7,923,100 dollars gross (7,114,900 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, thirteen Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

8. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-sixth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

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Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly notes the note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

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[1] A/C.5/55/40 and Corr.1.
[2] A/55/883.

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Experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 9 of its resolution 54/241 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

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[1] A/55/735.
[2] A/55/828.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

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Action taken on certain documents

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following documents until its fifty-sixth session:

(a) Field assets control system

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the field assets control system: a module of the field mission logistics system;[1]

(b) Young professionals in the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention;[2]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention;[3]

(c) United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping missions

Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations.[4]

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[1] A/55/845.
[2] A/55/798.
[3] A/55/798/Add.1.
[4] A/55/697.

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Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 54/19 A of 29 October 1999 and 54/19B of 15 June 2000,

Recalling also its decision 55/452 of 23 December 2000, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene the post-Phase V Working Group,

Having considered the report of the post-Phase V Working Group on the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment, as transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[1] the report of the Secretary-General,[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the post-Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment and troop costs, as outlined in paragraph 17 of the Secretary-General's report[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

[1] A/C.5/55/39.
[2] A/55/815.
[3] A/55/887.

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2. *Takes note of* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Affirms* the importance of conducting peacekeeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and effectiveness and the need to minimize delays in processing reimbursement to troop- and equipment-contributing countries;

4. *Recognizes* the fact that delay and uncertainty in reimbursements to troop-contributing countries of troop and contingent-owned equipment costs, adversely impacts on the ability of current and potential troop-contributing countries to effectively participate in United Nations peacekeeping operations and, in this context, *emphasizes* the need for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions to all peacekeeping operations in full, on time, and without preconditions;

5. *Stresses* that necessary resources should be provided to the Secretariat to allow verifications to be conducted to confirm, before deployment, the preparedness of each potential troop contributor and to ensure that standards continue to be met in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Memoranda of Understanding;

6. *Notes* that evaluation and standardization of United Nations peacekeeping training are currently being developed by the Secretariat in consultation with troop-contributing countries and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this important issue to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, through the Special Committee on Peacekeeping, for approval of these standards;

7. *Recognizes* the need for providing specific guidance on the methodology of reimbursements for troop costs;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly for its approval at its resumed fifty-sixth session, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, a methodology for reimbursement for troop costs, covering troops and formed police units, and a questionnaire to be submitted to troop-contributing countries, on the basis of the following elements and guidelines:

(a) Troops, formed civilian police units and staff officers serving in United Nations peacekeeping operations shall be reimbursed on an equal basis for identical services;

(b) Reimbursement for troop costs shall take into consideration, inter alia, general principles such as simplicity, equity, transparency, comprehensiveness, portability, financial control and audit, and confirmed delivery of specified services, all of which shall be built into the agreements entered into by the United Nations with the participating States;

(c) The data for this survey shall identify the common and essential additional costs from existing troop levels related to personnel that are incurred by troop-contributing countries due to their participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations, including the establishment of a standard vaccination package and identification of mission-specific vaccines and mission-specific medical and biochemical examinations, using the data available from WHO and UNICEF, that could be liable for reimbursement;

(d) The methodology shall ensure that no double payment is made with respect to reimbursement between the various levels of self-sustainment, components of troop costs, and any other allowances;

9. *Decides* that a future standard rate of reimbursement for troop costs should be based on new survey data which is representative of the costs incurred by around 60 per cent of countries which have contributed troops to peacekeeping operations;

10. *Also decides*, on an interim and ad hoc basis, to increase the standard rate of reimbursement for troop costs to troop-contributing countries by 2 per cent effective 1 July 2001;

11. *Further decides* that an additional 2 per cent increase, on an interim and ad hoc basis, will be effective as of 1 January 2002, bringing the total increase of the current rate of reimbursement for troop costs to 4 per cent;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the practical aspects of the wet-lease, dry-lease and self-sustainment arrangements, including the effectiveness of the contingent-owned equipment procedures to ascertain the capacity of troop-contributing countries to meet the requirements for wet-lease and self-sustainment provisions of the contingent-owned equipment arrangements and the need to ensure the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations, including through a consistent implementation of the standards set out in the contingent-owned manual, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

13. *Stresses* the need for the Secretariat to meet its obligations, in full, as agreed upon in the Memoranda of Understanding, in a timely manner, so as to ensure operational effectiveness of the troops in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

14. *Takes note* of the views of the Secretariat regarding the possibility of reviewing, subject to future experience, the procedures for settlement of liability for damages for major equipment used by one country and owned by another country, and *decides* that the liability for damage to major equipment used by one country and owned by another should be based on the relevant provisions of their MoUs in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the United Nations;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene an open-ended working group of experts, for a period of no less than 10 working days, to hold a triennial review of reimbursement rates for contingent-owned equipment, self-sustainment, including medical service, in 2004;

16. *Decides* to keep this matter under review at its fifty-sixth session.